



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 27**

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House Bill No. 6741

*House of Representatives, March 8, 2001*

The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. COCCO of the 127th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE CLOSING OF CERTAIN  
ENTRANCE RAMPS ONTO INTERSTATE 95 DURING COMMUTER  
HOURS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1     The Department of Transportation shall conduct a study of the  
2     effects of closing certain entrance ramps onto Interstate 95 during  
3     commuter hours. As part of the study, the department shall (1) on or  
4     before July 1, 2001, identify the entrance ramps onto Interstate 95 that,  
5     if closed during commuter hours, would most likely improve the flow  
6     of traffic on Interstate 95 during such hours, (2) during the months  
7     from August, 2001, to January, 2002, inclusive, study the flow of traffic  
8     on Interstate 95 during commuter hours, and (3) during the months of  
9     February, 2002, to July, 2002, close the entrance ramps that the  
10    department identified for closing during commuter hours, and study  
11    the flow of traffic on Interstate 95 during such hours. On or before  
12    October 1, 2002, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
13    statutes, the department shall report to the joint standing committee of

14 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
15 transportation on the results of the study, including the benefits and  
16 detriments of closing entrance ramps onto Interstate 95 during  
17 commuter hours, and its recommendations concerning the permanent  
18 closing during commuter hours of any entrance ramps onto Interstate  
19 95.

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Cost (FY 01 GF Surplus)

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Transportation

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation****State Impact:**

This bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to conduct a study of the effects of closing certain entrance ramps along I-95 during commuter hours. The study must satisfy the following caveats:

By July 1, 2001, the (DOT) must identify the entrance ramps onto I-95 that, if closed, would most likely improve the flow of traffic during commuter hours.

From August, 2001 to January, 2002, the DOT must study the flow of traffic on I-95 during commuter hours.

And from February, 2002 to July, 2002 the DOT must close the entrance ramps identified for closing during commuter hours and study the flow of traffic during those hours.

The department must submit a report with the results (including the benefits and detriments of closing entrance ramps along I-95 during

commuter hours) and recommendations to the Transportation Committee by October 1, 2002.

Please note that the governor has set aside \$50 million from the FY 01 General Fund surplus for various congestion mitigation and transportation improvement projects, which includes the peak-period ramp closure pilot project.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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